

Grandfather remembers his 'little soldier'

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

"The more and more I talk to people they all keep making me think that we will for sure be home by April, at the latest," wrote Pvt. First Class Holly McGeogh shortly before she was killed overseas.

McGeogh, a Taylor resident and the granddaughter of Dennis and Pat Kovacs of

Her boyfriend, who is also over there, used to tell her, 'Stay on base, you're safe if you are here', but that never stopped her from going on missions.

Dennis Kovacs

Romulus, was the first female Michigan soldier to die in Iraq.

The letter continued, "I still can't believe that I'm only 19 and

had my combat patch when I was 18. To me that makes me feel very proud of my life. What's even cooler is that I will be only

20 years old when I do get out, That's very young and I will have already accomplished so much in my life. Cool huh?"

The Kovacs received this email on Jan. 9; McGeogh was killed Jan. 31.

"Holly was a mechanic, she worked on Jeeps," said her grandfather. "I guess on that day they needed some parts to fix



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Pvt. Holly McGeogh



Merriman Elementary students are seeing more clearly now after they received free eye examinations and glasses from Lenscrafters at Fairlane Mall through the Home Town Day program.

Glasses give students a new look

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Staff Writer

Twelve children at Merriman Elementary School are seeing more clearly these days thanks to the Home Town Day program sponsored by Lenscrafters.

"It is a great program and it really helps kids in need," said Renee Kish, social worker at Merriman Elementary. "They have really been a great help to us."

Each year, Lenscrafter stores pick two local schools to be in the Home Town Day program. The company then works with the chosen schools to seek out children who are in need of eye-

glasses, but whose families may not have insurance to cover the cost.

"Each year our school nurse, Carol Wolan, performs eye exams on all the children," said Kish. "So we have an idea of who is having problems with their sight."

Kish then makes contact with the families of these children to see if they are having a problem affording glasses.

The children then take a field trip down to the Lenscrafters store at Fairlane Mall in Dearborn. All of the children receive a free eye exam and then if they do need glasses, they are able to select frames.

"Either the kids pick from donated frames or Lenscrafters pays the cost of the frames," said Kish. "It is a very generous program."

About a month later, all of the students take another field trip to pick up their new glasses, as well as participate in Home Town Day celebrations.

"We go down there and they have something like a small party and the kids have fun," said Kish. "But nothing compares to seeing these kids out on their new glasses that day. It is like they all of a sudden see the detail and color in everything and say 'Wow, this is what everyone else sees'. It is priceless."

Charity rehabilitation center helps those in need

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

There is a building full of hope on Middlebelt Road in Romulus.

One of only four such centers in Michigan, the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) currently houses 93 men who would otherwise be homeless and living on the streets.

But more than a home, the Salvation Army provides the men with a lifestyle many of them have never known. Each man has a job and receives counseling to keep them off drugs and alcohol.

"We have been around for a very long time," said Major Terrance Nelson, administrator for the ARC in Romulus. "People know our name and they know what we stand for and all the good that we do."

The Salvation Army began in 1865 in London, England. The organization has been helping people with alcohol and drug addiction since the inception of the ARC in 1881.

At that time William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, opened shelters for homeless people on the streets of England.

According to a Salvation Army spokesman, during this time there were many homeless people who were also alcoholics that sought refuge in the shelters, so the organization began the ARC program to help people fight alcoholism and get back on their feet. By the 1940s American ARCs were devel-

oping professional counseling programs. In the 1950s, ARCs began to hire professional social workers and psychologists as permanent staff.

Today the ARCs serve as halfway houses for people who are fighting both alcohol and drug addiction, Nelson said.

"We are here to help these men find their way in life," said Nelson. "We are here to help, not to give a hand-out."

The ARC program in Romulus services men in the community who are primarily homeless and fighting an addiction.

"We currently have space for 100 men in our program," said Terry Gaster, the intake coordinator of the program. "Seven of those positions are filled with permanent staff, so we actually have 93 spaces for men needing to enter the program."

Currently there are 37 men on a waiting list for entry into the program.

"I want to make sure that people don't get confused, this is not a detox center," said Nelson. "We are where the people go after they are clean. We are here to support the decision to stay clean, not to do it for them."

After a man is accepted into the program, he is immediately put into a scheduled lifestyle. The men work 40 hours a week in what is referred to as work therapy.

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Mayor's executive report supports casino and race track in city

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

In an executive report released to the public recently, Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert continued his support for the proposed casino and racetrack in the city, highlighting the impact the projects would have locally, as well as regionally.

"In a sharp contrast to current regional casino operations, it is anticipated that a Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport based casino will draw drive-in traffic primarily from the west and southwest of the region and more importantly, will be the first casino located at an airport," said Lambert. "We anticipate a total

of 240,000 casino passenger visits a year from fly-in, fly-out packages, yielding over \$65 million in additional consumption from out of local market consumers."

Lambert also said he believes that a percentage of the visitors to the casino from outside the region will spend dollars at not only near-airport facilities, but

will also visit and spend farther afield in the region.

He said he believes that the proposed racetrack, which has also won his support, will be tremendous for the residents of Romulus and the region in general.

"The first phase of the Michigan Downs project will involve the construction of an approximately

165,000 square foot entertainment pavilion as well as a thoroughbred facility with a 1 1/8 mile dirt track, a 1-mile turf track and a 7/8 mile harness track," he said. "It is estimated that the horse racing industry supports nearly \$570 million in capital facilities in Michigan."

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Fundraiser nets \$25,000 for farm

Scott Spielman
Editor

"What a turnout," said Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, the day after an all-day fundraiser designed to generate money for the rebuilding of the farm at Maybury State Park.

The fundraiser took place at Poole's Tavern in downtown Northville on Thursday. It lasted from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., according to Peters, and drew a steady stream of well-wishes and donors.

The community foundation, which is heading up the effort to rebuild the farm, collected donations in a variety of ways, she said. A donation of \$250 allowed donors to take part in the 'Buy a Board, Build a Barn, Leave a Legacy' program, where they will have their names inscribed on a

donor wall inside the general activities room at the farm, after it is rebuilt. They could also adopt an animal through donations, she said.

She said two groups of children came in and adopted animals with funds they had raised while Christmas caroling through their neighborhoods.

At the end of the day, Peters estimated that the foundation brought in more than \$25,000 in donations.

"There's still some residuals that will be coming in," she said. "We had an awful lot of people call us and say they want to donate."

The fundraiser was helped along by a bevy of local celebrities and elected officials and presided over by Peters and John Beemer, the farmer who retired from the living farm at Maybury

in 2002. Beemer will run the farm again, once it is rebuilt and reopened.

The hit of the day may have been Harry the Maybury Horse, though. The small bean-bag toy, donated by Bonnie Brook Homes, is a limited edition keepsake given to those who buy a board, Peters said.

The fundraiser took place on the one-year anniversary of the fire that claimed the farm at Maybury State Park. During the fire a year ago, both barns burned down and nearly all of the 70 animals that lived there perished.

Peters set up an endowment fund the next day to handle all the donations that came in to rebuild the farm, and continued to negotiate with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to get a lease on the site and take

over the ongoing funding and maintenance of the farm after the rebuilding effort.

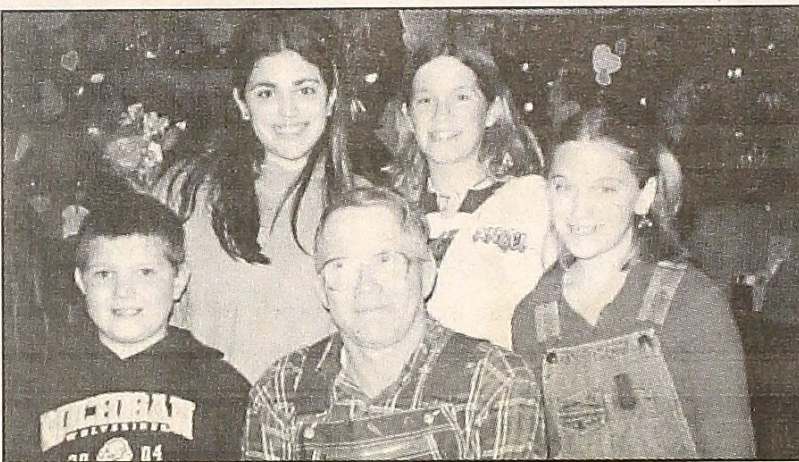
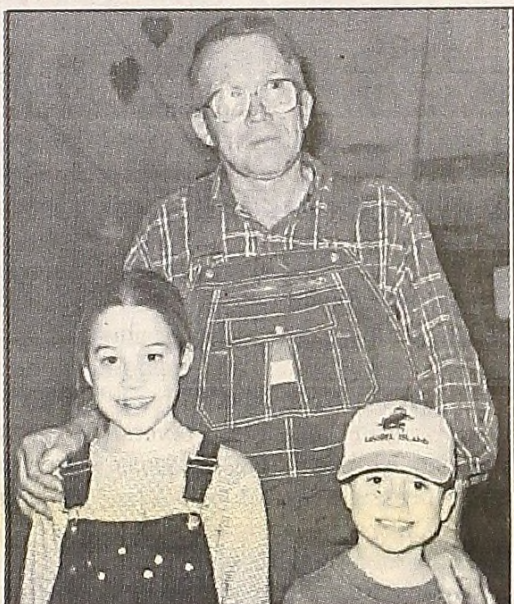
She said she wants to raise at least \$1 million in the fund to fund the farm, in perpetuity.

She said the Thursday fundraiser went over so well that she would plan similar ones in the future.

"Next time, we'll take it to another community, like Canton or Plymouth," she said. "This isn't just a Northville thing."

To donate to the Maybury Farm Endowment, call the foundation at (248) 374-0200 or send a check to their office at 321 Center St., Suite C, Northville, MI 48167. Make sure to write Maybury Endowment Fund in the memo line of the check, because the foundation has other endowments. All donations are tax deductible.

Kathryn and David Siroonian who live in Lexington Commons in Northville adopted a hen for Maybury Farm last Thursday. They saved money they earned Christmas caroling in their neighborhood to pay for the contribution to the farm. Farmer John Beemer was on hand to thank the new poultry owners.



Farmer John Beemer, who will operate and care for Maybury Farm when it is rebuilt thanked Sarah and Genna Mundy and Jessica and Joe Buczkowski of Whisperwoods subdivision for their purchase of a hen for the farm. The youngsters collected the funding for their hen while Christmas caroling.

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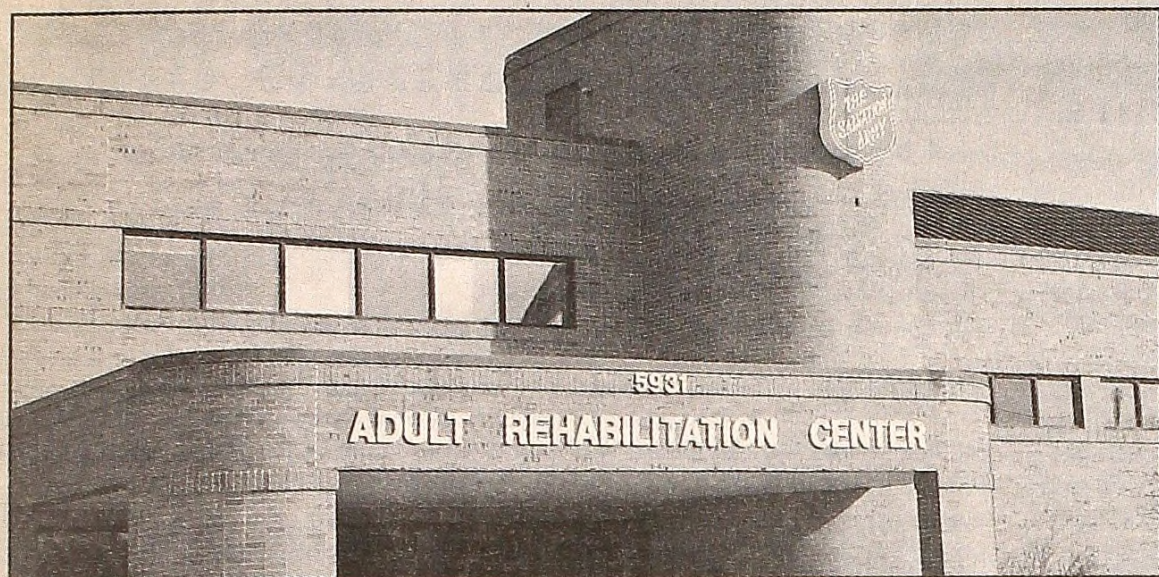
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The Salvation Army shield has become a symbol of hope and help to many needy people during the years. The Adult Rehabilitation Center has also become a place of refuge for many men facing alcohol and drug addiction.

Salvation Army

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"Some of these men have never worked a day in their lives," said Nelson. "Sometimes we have to train people to get up and go to a job each day."

The men in the program work in different sections of the Salvation Army.

"Some men are drivers, others work in the warehouse," said Nelson. "It all depends on what we have open at the time. But they definitely work."

The men also live in the facility full time and receive grants each Friday.

"Since they don't receive a paycheck for their work, we give them grants," said Nelson. "This is a stipend amount of money, so they are able to buy hygiene products and small items."

Throughout the six-month program, the men receive intensive therapy through counseling sessions, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings that take place at the facility.

"We do everything we can to give them the strength to fight their addictions and start a new life," said Nelson. "But at the end the strength is in them."

The ARC program in Romulus is funded through the profits of six thrift stores run by the Salvation Army in the area - Romulus, Garden City, Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Livonia - but that shocks a lot of people, said Nelson.

"When we tell people that is how we fund our program they are shocked," he said. "Most people think that we are supported by the government, but we support ourselves through hard work."

Nelson said he is also very proud of the literacy program.

He said that's part of the goal of building the men up both mentally and physically. "We have found that some of the men are illiterate, so we have put in place a literacy program to help them build their self confidence and prepare themselves for life out of the facility," he said.

The men normally graduate the program in about six months and at that time they are not simply released back into society, according to Nelson.

"After the six months is up, the men in the program then have about three months to find a job, a place to live and to get their life prepared so they are secure when they walk out the front door," said Nelson. "Other times we have actually hired some of the men in the program to work for the Salvation Army with a salary. It all depends on what is best for the person in question."

Nelson said that the success rate for the program is about 20 percent, a normal ratio for a rehabilitation center.

"It doesn't sound like a high number, but a lot of men relapse and have to enter the program again," he said. "But that is OK. Sometimes people have to do it more than once to make it work, but we will be here willing to help them as long as they are willing to help themselves."

Miss Junior Romulus to compete in pageant

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus may soon be the home of Miss Junior Michigan if Janet Johnson, the current Miss Junior Romulus has her way.

"Ever since I was a little girl I have wanted to be in pageants," said Johnson. "But I never thought it would actually happen."

Johnson will go to Novi this Saturday to compete in the Miss Junior Michigan competition, something she has been dreaming about for years.

"This is what I always dreamed of," she said. "I want to be Miss America someday and this is my start to achieve that goal."

Johnson, a junior at Romulus High School, is a native of Hawaii. Her family moved here three years ago to be closer to the rest of her family, and Johnson wasted no time fitting right in.

She is a member of the National Honors Society with a 3.7 grade point average, a member of the student council and is also part of the track team.

"I really like my school," she said. "I feel that I am a good example and representative of Romulus, because of the diversity in our community. I am proud to represent this city."

If Johnson is crowned Miss



Miss Junior Romulus, Janet Jackson, is representing Romulus this weekend in the Miss Junior Michigan competition in Novi.

Junior Michigan, she will then go on to the Miss Junior America competition in Atlanta later this year.

Her mom, Loretta Johnson, said she supports her 100 percent.

"I am very proud of her," she said. "She has always been something special since she was a little girl and if this is what she wants to do I will support her. God made her the way she is and people notice her wherever we go."

Iraq

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some of the Hummers and they knew where there were some broken down Hummers. So they went there to take the good parts off of the vehicles."

McGeogh was in the last vehicle in a convoy, according to Kovacs, when a homemade bomb consisting of large rounds of ammunition exploded on the side of the road as her vehicle drove by. The bomb also killed two other soldiers in the car.

"This is what she liked to do," said Kovacs. "She always knew she would join the military. All through high school she was in the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps). She had her mom sign so she could go into the service when she was only 17 1/2, just after she graduated from Truman High School in Taylor."

McGeogh was a young woman who knew what it is to take risks, said Kovacs.

"I remember one time a couple of years ago we went down to Tennessee and she decided she wanted to go bungee jumping," he said. "Everyone else was so scared all the way up there, but not Holly, she went up, walked out and jumped just like that."

Kovacs explained that McGeogh was also brave when it came to serving her country.

"She would always volunteer for special assignments over there," he said. "Her boyfriend

who is also over there, would tell her 'Stay on the base, you're safe if you are here', but that never stopped her from going out on missions. And we supported her all the way."

Her division, the Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th infantry division was set to come home some time in April, one year after they had arrived.

"She was coming home," said Kovacs. "She was coming home in April, in just a couple of weeks."

McGeogh's funeral was in Wyandotte last week.

The family is leaving this week for Ft. Hood in Texas, the base where she was stationed, to attend a memorial service for McGeogh and her two fallen comrades.

"We are very proud of her," said Kovacs. She is going to be so missed."

McGeogh was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for her bravery and courage.

As of press time, 541 United States soldiers have been killed in Iraq.

McGeogh's family doesn't know what she might have done had she been able to return to the states, but the last line of her letter offers some ideas...

"Then I'm definitely gonna sit back and relax and go to college. Then I'm coming back as an officer, but only after I have some fun at college. Love you guys lots and miss you guys a whole bunch, Love Holly."

Report

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Michigan Downs contribution to the economic life of the region and state will be profound."

Along with the two projects, Lambert said he believes that other high scale developers will come to Romulus.

One of which, a convention center, is already attached to the

proposed casino project.

"The Romulus/airport location is increasingly being cited as a prime location for a significant new premium retail mall," Lambert said. "The mall will be approximately 1.8 million square feet and it is anticipated that it will generate \$400 per square foot of retail activity annually. That amounts to \$720 million in retail sales annually. State and local sales tax collection will top

\$50 million.

"It is estimated that the casino/convention center/race-track/mall can be close to fully operational in 24-36 months and can begin to make a significant economic contribution in the next fiscal year," said Lambert. "The Metro-World development Area is a win-win-win: A win for the local community and airport, a win for the surrounding region and a win for the people of Michigan."

Color of courage

Congressman John D. Dingell (D - District 15) took part in a panel last week at Inkster High School to discuss diversity, tolerance and history. The discussion took place after a screening of the 1998 film *The Color of Courage*. The film is based on the real-life experiences of an African American family that moved into a predominantly white neighborhood in Detroit in 1944. Dingell was joined on stage by school staff members and members of his staff while talking with students.



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2004 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S.
WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak.
Absent: None.
Excused: Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-048

2. Motion by Burcroff, by Prybyla, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 26, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-049

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to grant a No-Fee Permit for the use of City Facilities (Romulus Historical Park), Saturday, June 19, 2004 for a one day Flea Market, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and to grant use of City Facilities (Romulus Historical Park Gazebo), Friday, September 17, 2004 for Romulus High School 50th Year Class Reunion from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., after confirmation from Recreation has been established.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-050

3B. Motion by Crova, supported Miller to schedule a Public Hearing on March 8, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48111, for the purpose of hearing objections to vacating that portion of the alley abutting Lots 50 - 52 and Lots 1 -3 of the Junction Subdivision, Block 29.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-051

3C. Motion By Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to schedule a Public Hearing on March 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of hearing objections to vacating the twenty-foot wide alley, which separates Lots I - 14 from Lots 266-272 extending from Ronald Street on the north to the south line of Wayne-Port-Highlands Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-052

3D1. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to hold in abeyance for a period of 30 days, the request to vacate an easement for Sanitary Sewer, traversing the southerly boundary of Lot 69alb, Supervisors Romulus Plat No 6, for the purpose of allowing sufficient time to formulate an agreement between the affected parties.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla.
Nays - Burcroff, Miller, Romak.
Motion Failed.

04-053

3D2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with the petitioner and grant the request to vacate the Sanitary Sewer Easement traversing the southerly boundary of Lot 69alb Supervisors Romulus Plat No. 6.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Romak.
Nays - Crova, Prybyla.
Motion Carried.

04-054

3E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff, to concur with the recommendation of the Building Department Assistant Director, Ralph Walton and grant the request to remove from the Demolition List (03-02), fire damage dwelling at 16137 Oaktree for the purpose of repairing same in accordance with Chapter 5-135 of Romulus Code of Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-055

5A. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to schedule a Study Session on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for a presentation of the Honeywell Municipal Guaranteed Energy Savings Program for the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-056

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-24:

FUND/DEPT.	Current		Amended
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Community Development Block Grant			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
252-2250-722.85-11 Liens Repaid -			
Program Income	180,685.87	50,000.00	230,685.87
<u>Fund Balance:</u>			
	<u>Available</u>	<u>Appropriate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Community Development			
Block Grant	51,277.93	50,000.00	1,277.93

To appropriate additional funds to cover expenditures related to the repayment of liens collected thru the fiscal year and inadvertently missed during the budget process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-057

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendations of D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, to award Bid 03/04-26, Portable Mainline Sewer Inspection System to the only qualified bidder, Jack Doheny Supplies for a total bid price of \$52,500.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-058

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff to concur with Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and award Bid 03/04-28 Romulus Police Department Marked Vehicle Changeovers to the lowest bidder, Priority One Emergency at a total bid price of \$23,087.85.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None,
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-059

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with Public Safety Director Charles Kirby and approve the annual maintenance agreements with Motorola Radios, Indentix Fingerprinting and PSP Booking Software and to further authorize approval of these agreements until such time as we no longer utilize their equipment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-060

6AL Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 03/04-23 introduced at the meeting held January 26, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-061

10. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution acknowledging Mrs. Dorothy Wafers 90th Birthday.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Local woman hopes to help homeless youths

Scott Spielman
Editor

It's been a long road so far for Josephine Strickland's latest project.

Launched in the spring of 2002, the Joshua Generation International Ministries (JGIM), was designed to help the homeless and others in need become more self-reliant, she said.

"We basically deal with youth," she said. "We're trying to instill in them valid principles to try to keep them on the straight path. Our mission is to try to keep them going in the right direction to make the community a better place to live for everybody."

The program is based on a similar one started in Little Rock, AK, where Strickland was born and raised. She moved to Wayne in 1974. She's looking for a larger base of operations, but right now said she's determined to run the program from her office on Fourth Street in Wayne, if she has to. She's also been in contact with several

small churches in Romulus.

The plan has encountered a few roadblocks along the way, she said. It was just gaining some momentum in 2002 when her husband was diagnosed with a kidney disease. Caring for him took up most of her time, she said.

"Now, I'm just starting to get back out there," she said.

Ultimately, she said she wants the JGIM to educate young people and demonstrate an atmosphere of hope in times of despair. By targeting disadvantaged youths, she said she wants to change the habits – and eventually the prospects – for students who may not have any desire to graduate high school or better their situation.

She said she'd like to provide rehabilitation programs as varied as teen pregnancy lectures to family developmental programs to programs designed to keep youth away from gangs and negative peer pressure. She also wants to help put an end to homelessness in the community.

According to statistics from the Department of Health and Human Services, she said about 600,000 men, women and children are on the streets, a victim of homelessness every night.

"The number is more staggering because some are not reported because they stay in places that aren't required to report their stay, like bed and breakfasts, alleys, parks, overpasses and other so-called 'flops,' where they are left alone," Strickland said.

The largest growing sector of this shadow population, she said, are single parents with one or more children. Many, for one reason or another, are unable to hold a normal job and live in adequate housing and still raise their children. That creates an atmosphere for their children to become at risk for drug or alcohol abuse, juvenile crime or turns them into runaways themselves.

"Some of them are blissfully ignorant of the dangers that await them on the cold streets of today's cities, parks, alleys or cold empty buildings," she said. "The self-destructive paths they are following lead them to prison, the morgue or the realm of the homeless. The best solution is to never need to start down that path to begin with."

She said she intends to work alongside law enforcement, government, churches and other community-based organizations to help strengthen families and combat the problem before it occurs.

"I want to really make a difference, not just play around with someone's life," Strickland said. "When God puts a call into you to do something, you have to do it."

To get involved in the effort, call Strickland at (734) 699-2629 or visit her office at 3927 Fourth St., Suite M, in Wayne.

OBITUARIES

APPLEBEE, James D.

James D. Applebee, 61, of Tecumseh, died Feb. 9.

Mr. Applebee was employed by the Romulus School District for 18 years prior to his retirement.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lanis (Pilon); daughters, Jill M. (Michael) Martin of Milan and Noelle Baker of Ypsilanti; a brother, Douglas Applebee; a sister, Janet Applebee of Royal Oak, and grandchildren, Zachary, Thomas and Michael.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Tecumseh Chapel of the Couture Handler Funeral Home.

KOMORA, Gary E.

Gary E. Komora, 45, of Pinckney, formerly of Ypsilanti, died Feb. 8.

Among his survivors are his son, Gary Louis Komora of Livonia; his mother, Rita Florence (Greca) Kormora; brothers, Dennis Komora of Wayne and Steve (Eda) Komora of Sumpter Township; a sister, Michelle (David) Lockwood of Belleville; five nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Dave.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Ćusick officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HARRIS, Muriel J.

Muriel J. Harris, 86, of Walton, KY, formerly of Belleville, died Feb. 8.

Among her survivors are her children, Carol (Dale) Nowland of Plymouth, Charles Edward (Judy) Harris of Michigan and Marie C. (Ted) Wingrove of Walton, KY; a brother, Edward (Merlyn) Witt of San Antonio, TX; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the September Days Senior Center, St. Timothy Senior Center and Boone County Senior Services.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral home with the Rev. Randy Duncan officiating.

ST. AMOUR, Ricky E.

Ricky E. St. Amour, 16, of Romulus, died Feb. 7.

Among his survivors are his parents, Leonard E. and Carol E. (Miller) St. Amour; his grandmother, Berniece A. St. Amour; brothers, David C. Miller, Kevin E. Ball, Charles R. St. Amour and Joseph P. Graves, and sisters, Anna Mozug St. Amour, Katherine Wallen, Amy D. St. Amour and Danielle R. St. Amour.

Mr. St. Amour was memorialized at private family funeral services.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday February 25, 2004 to consider the following:

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to amend the following:

ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 4.45.E WOODLAND ORDINANCE.

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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February 19, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-33

TIRE & TIRE REPAIR SERVICE - TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above products and services.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00am, TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 03/04-33 - TIRE & TIRE REPAIR SERVICE - TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

Publish: February 19, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUESTS TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS RFP 03/04-32 COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking to enter into a one-year contract for pricing for computer hardware and for repair and maintenance services.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit proposals must do so on forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
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RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

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OPINION

Looking before they leap

The bids for the expansion project at Community Park have been received and opened in Northville Township.

The project has been, in essence, planned and designed.

There's just one more question that township officials have to answer: should we do it?

Actually, that single question envelopes several smaller ones that officials don't have answers for yet. That's why it makes perfect sense, when the board members get together for their regular meeting tonight, to schedule a study session regarding the plan. They need to consider all of the implications of the project before they make any decisions and start signing contracts or putting shovels into the ground.

There are reasons to expedite the process, after all. A long delay basically ensures that the park project won't be complete for another year, and ready for use a year after that. The money is there, the park was identified as a major goal of the township when it asked for a renewal of the parkland acquisition and development millage, and the budget and bids are relatively close.

All of those are good reasons to proceed.

The reasons to be cautious, however, are just as good, if not better. There are other things to factor in besides simply turning a field into a new park, as township officials well know. And there are entities other than the township to consider, specifically their recreation partners in the City of Northville. The township can pay for the expansion of the Beck and Five Mile Road park, but both municipalities will ultimately contribute to the ongoing maintenance and operation of it, and this is a time where older, established cities like Northville are facing budget cuts and losses in revenue.

The study session would be an invaluable tool to identify all of the issues involved with this major expense, and it will bring all of the interested and affected people to the same table at the same time. It's worth putting a decision off for a month, maybe even two, if it means that everyone is comfortable with the plan and the ability to not only make it happen, but make it last.

It's likely that the city, and possibly even the township, may visit the idea of asking voters for a dedicated millage to fund the parks and recreation department. If so, it would most likely come at a time when the school district is asking for additional funds to help them keep up with the needs of a school population that continues to grow. Asking voters for one millage is risky enough, add another into the request – even if it comes from a different entity – and officials run the risk of losing on both of them.

It all adds up to a complicated issue, with long-reaching consequences for virtually everybody in the community. And that means some additional study is the best course of action.

Tax should be last resort

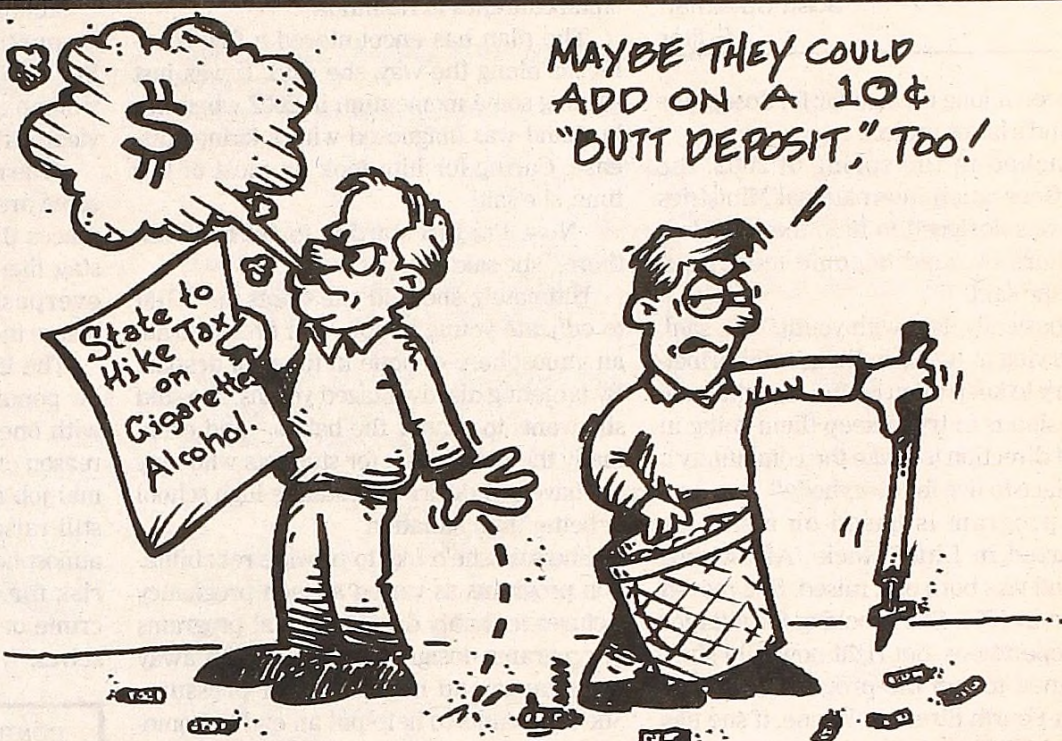
To a city with a relatively small budget, like Wayne, an estimated \$15 million repair bill for the aging infrastructure system is a pretty large pill to swallow.

There's no denying that the work needs to be done – streets and sewer systems are subject to constant wear and tear, asphalt and concrete don't heal themselves, and the longer the city waits to undertake this expensive and expansive project, the more expensive and expansive the project will become.

Officials appear to have done their homework on the issue, as well. At a special study session Tuesday night, they talked about exactly what needs to be done, and identified a priority list of projects that are most crucial as well as those that can wait.

So the question remains: when do we start, and how do we pay

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'Basically,' I'll shop elsewhere

This page went to print before the Tuesday night meeting of the Wayne City Council, so I don't know how many – if any – residents showed up to voice their opinion on the changeover from the Farmer Jack store to Food Basics.

Tuesday night, most likely, the city council reversed the recommendation made by the planning commission. It was their only legal remedy, after all. When all is said and done, the proposed change is allowed within the ordinances, and that is that. The city is governed by ordinances, for good or for ill.

Even so, I hope more people show up to voice their opinion there than at the planning commission last week. There were maybe eight or 10 people there about the issue when it came up for site plan review, and only a couple of them spoke.

Where was all the indignation? The people concerned for the future of our town?

It was still out on the streets, I guess, where many people said they didn't want Food Basics coming to town, but apparently their unhappiness wasn't strong

enough to goad them into action.

Not that the action would have meant much, in the long run. In fact, even I was surprised when the council voted not to recommend it to the city council. That's one of the perks of being a recommending body, and not a legislating one: you can vote your conscience and not have to worry about any unpleasant legal ramifications.

Still, it's a shame that someone who most likely rarely, if ever, visited our town before could make a decision that will ultimately have a long-term impact on the community, and then be oblivious or indifferent to any type of objections. I mean, the planning commission was unable to secure even a slight alteration in the plan, like a change from the moss green (moss is a euphemism for lime, in this case) to a darker, hunter green that would match the streetlights that will be installed along Elizabeth Street this year.

Sure, they're retailers. They want to stand out. Stand out doesn't have to mean clash, though. They could draw as much attention with a color

scheme that complemented the town,

rather than one that 'hit you in the eye,' as Planning Commissioner Robert Voyles said.

As I mentioned before, though, the city can't do too much to stop this transformation. All they can do is make sure the store follows all the ordinances, dots all the i's and crosses all t's. They might be able to delay it for a while, by attacking the aesthetics of the new colors, or by delaying the new sign in the zoning board of appeals, but that's ultimately the best they can hope for.

It's sad. Whenever the city is about to gain a bit of momentum in their revitalization effort, something happens to sap that energy. If it's not budget restraints that limit projects, it's recalcitrant landlords or ugly developments. The city might not have too many options, but I know of at least one I can take. I can drive a little further, go somewhere else and give my hard-earned money to another company.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

An amazing view of life and people

"OK, how do you know the total of the bill?" I ask. "You just have to trust that the person you ask is honest," Rick replies.

We are sitting at a window table in a Birmingham restaurant finishing lunch. My friend Rick is blind.

"How to you tell the difference in money?" I ask. "Do you use the fold method?"

"No, I organize the bills, I don't care for the fold method."

The fold method is as it sounds: You take a \$20 bill and fold it one-way, a \$10 bill another, and so on. But Rick is, and has always been, kind of a rebel. He does it his way. "OK, how much money do you have in your wallet right now?"

Rick smiles, he does that a lot. Pulling out his wallet he starts digging through it.

"Here," he says, proudly holding a new \$20 bill out right in front of me. "That should be a \$10 bill."

"No, nooo, it's a dollar," I reply. Rick frowns. The two elderly women at the next table give me an evil look. Rick digs and pulls out a \$5 bill.

"This should be a, a five," he says. "Yup, that's right, it is a five." He grins and goes

back to digging in his wallet. The ladies next door lighten up a bit.

"And this one," Rick says extending a bill toward me. "It's a dollar."

It's a \$10 bill.

"Yup, that's a dollar, alright," I say and the old ladies tense up again trying to figure out what I'm up to.

"That is not, it's a \$10 bill."

The voice belongs to our Ethiopian waitress who gives me the evil eye.

"What?" I say to her. She just shakes her head. Rick is laughing like a madman because he realizes I've been putting him on.

"That first bill was actually a 20," I tell him.

"What? Wow, I'm excited, I didn't realize I had a 20. That's great."

Miss Ethiopian backs away, smiling now.

I'd spotted Richard the first time a year or so before, charging down the sidewalk like he owned it. I

This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

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School expansion plan prompts residents' debate

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Northville residents crowded the auditorium at Hillside Middle School last week as the debate continued regarding the proposed expansion of Our Lady of Victory School.

The plan under consideration by members of the Northville Planning Commission would allow the school to replace the 50-year-old, 14,000 square foot building with a new facility that would be two stories tall, and would measure approximately 77,000 square feet, including the half-basement. The school would be located on the west side of Orchard, near Main Street.

Members of the planning com-

mission scheduled a public hearing regarding the proposed expansion Feb. 3 to discuss the Special Use Permit required for the construction. The meeting was a continuation of the public hearing that occurred during the Jan. 6 planning meeting.

Residents in attendance were sharply divided on the issue. Some said that they could not understand why there was so much fuss regarding the expansion of the school. They said the new facility would allow the school to meet basic student needs by creating a gymnasium, cafeteria, and science labs and reducing class size. In a school with 341 students and only nine classrooms, doubling the number of available classrooms seemed reasonable and necessary,

they said.

Other residents who live near the school, however, were less enthusiastic about the plan. Questions arose regarding the potential for increased traffic, possible safety concerns, potential decreases in property values due to the increased activity, concerns about the number of available parking spaces, and the potentially unharmonious appearance of the new school.

So many people, representing both sides of the debate, chose to speak that when the meeting ended about 11:45 p.m. there was still a line of people who wanted to make their voices heard. To ensure that these individuals could have their say, the planning commission has scheduled another meeting at

7:30 p.m. March 2 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium. The school is located on the corner of Eight Mile and Center Street. Only those individuals who were placed

on a waiting list during the Feb. 3 hearing because they did not receive a chance to speak will be allowed a chance to present their views at this meeting, officials said.

Millage

FROM PAGE 6

for it? Obviously the only way for the city to fund the project is through the sale of bonds. If you take that as a given, you then have to ask, how will the city repay those bonds, and during what period of time.

City officials advanced one possibility, already, the prospect of levying a mill to repay them.

We'd like to see another one.

Let's face it. Taxpayers in Wayne are already shouldering a heavy of tax burden. Their millage rate is among the upper level of those throughout western Wayne County, in part because property values themselves aren't as high. When you factor in the possibility of the city asking for an additional mill to help fund the library – a plan discussed, but that will probably not be visited for another year – the additional

taxes can be daunting, particularly to the lower income residents or seniors on a fixed income.

Before we see a request to levy another mill for infrastructure improvements, we'd like to see a continued effort on the part of the city to keep costs down, not automatically expand staffing levels, and a clear indication that there is no other way to fund this important work.

Anything else might just get flushed away by voters, anyway.

View

FROM PAGE 6

mean the boy was high steppin,' white and red cane tucked under his arm rather than sticking straight out. I'd wondered about him until recently, I passed him, stopped and introduced myself. He walks daily for miles, walks and thinks, plans and enjoys the freedom he's brought himself. That meeting led to today's lunch.

"So, when I tell you that tree is covered with white flowers, you have no visual at all because you have never had anything to perceive it from? I asked.

"That's right," he answered, "all I see is black"

"OK, let me give you a visual. Do you remember what you looked like when you were an 8-year-old boy?"

"Yes," he said smiling.

"You got parsley on your teeth," I say. He grabs a napkin and starts wiping his teeth. The old ladies are shaking their heads trying not to smile.

"Kidding, Rick," I say. He starts laughing.

"Anyway, there is an 8-year-old boy walking by the restaurant wearing a sweat suit and he's got a brush haircut, Can you see him?"

"No."
"Come on," I prod. "You were a boy, you've worn a sweat suit, right?"

"Yes,"
"OK, now you have a visual, right?" I ask.

"What's a brush?" Rick asks.
"Feel your hair," I instruct. "It's flat and short. Now, imagine it standing straight up a half-an-inch, like a paint brush."

"Got it," he's smiling again.
"This is exciting"

"And, if I'm not mistaken, (it's) visual?"

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Dance generates \$30,000 for shelter

Meghan CHatham
Staff Writer

Cher and Madonna took to the dance floor at Burton Manor in Livonia earlier this month to the delight of a more than 1,750 area residents who attended the annual charity dance for First Step.

Tickets to the 14th annual event, hosted by Brian Duggan, were limited this year to help control the crowds.

Duggan said reducing the crowd from the 2,000 who attended last year, really improved the event.

"We downsized the tables...to create more room," said Duggan. "It's always been really crowded in the past."

He said that the clear walkways made it even easier to hit the dance floor, where Steve King & The Dittlies provided live music, ranging from Top 40 to country, for the audiences.

However, as much as people enjoyed dancing, sometimes it was just more fun to watch, especially when the dancers were Cher and Madonna.

"Cher and Madonna did an excellent job. People just walked up to the dance floor to watch," said Duggan. Celebrity impersonators are a tradition at the First

Step dance.

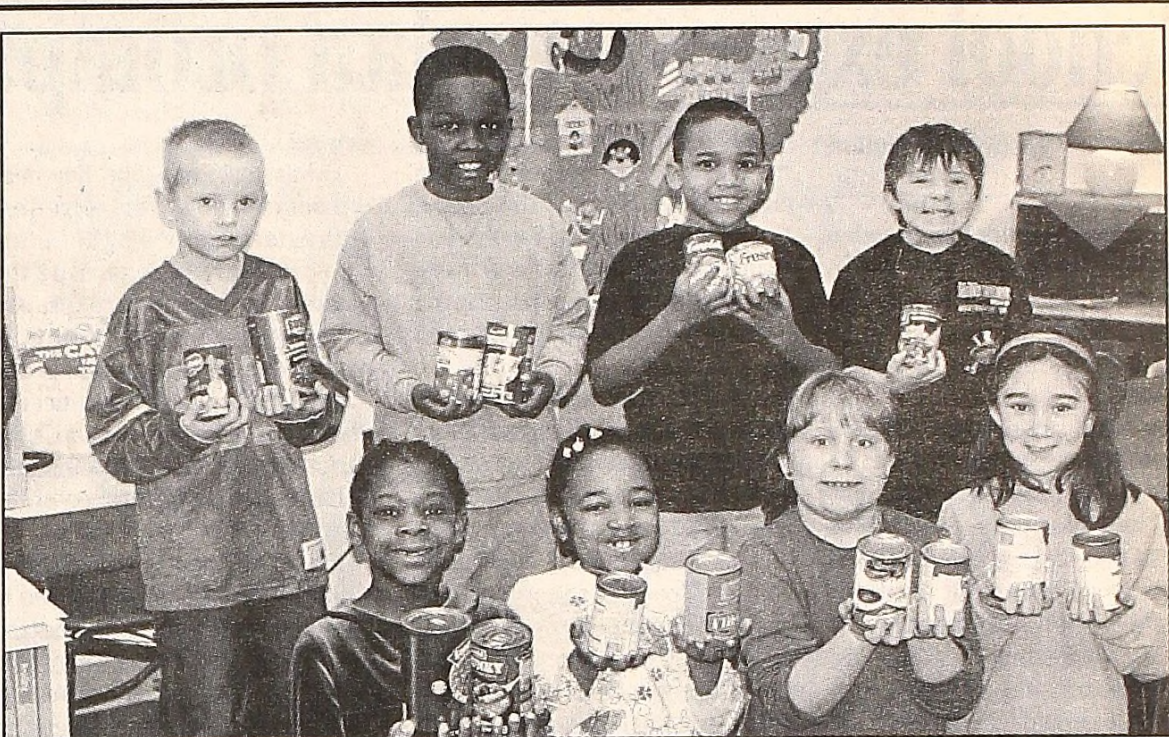
Next year, however, Duggan hopes to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the dance with a real local celebrity, such as Bob Seger or Aretha Franklin. However, don't plan on fair warning because Duggan says that if he does manage to get the actual celebrity, he doesn't plan on publicizing that fact. Instead, it will come as a surprise at the actual event.

Duggan did not yet know how much money the event had taken in after expenses. However, he said that he usually ends up donating between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to First Step. Duggan said that although the sponsor numbers were down this year, the event still generated support from area businesses.

According to Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step, any donation will be of great assistance.

"As always, Brian Duggan delivered a wonderful event. With funding cuts on all fronts, the funds raised will help us to continue to provide free services to those many families in need," said Ellis.

In addition to operating the domestic violence shelter, First Step also provides services such as a 24-hour help line.



Helping hands

Second grade students at Wick Elementary School in Romulus collected more than 600 cans of food for the Romulus Helping Hands center last month. Students and teachers throughout the school helped teacher Kathy Hurst's class learn the benefit of helping others. Showing off some of their collected canned goods are, Jezreel Lewis, front row, left, Angela Crenshaw, Samatha Moore and Brenna Wade. In the second row, from left, are Dustin Montgomery, JaQuan Jones, Reggie Johnson and Cody Householder.

Police arrest suspect in Westland stabbing

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

An arrest was made last Friday in the stabbing and beating death of 42-year-old Westland resident Anthony Pulley.

Detroit resident Dalion Davis, 24, was apprehended in Detroit on Feb. 13 in a joint effort by

Detroit and Westland police officers, according to Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes. The arrest marked the end of a week-long exhaustive investigation that involved officers and detectives from the Westland Police Department, the Michigan State Police, the Detroit Police Department and several suburban police departments.

Davis is charged with felony murder, first degree murder — premeditated, armed robbery and being a habitual offender — third offense. He was arraigned before 18th District Court judge C. Charles Bokos, who denied bond and remanded Davis to the Wayne County Jail.

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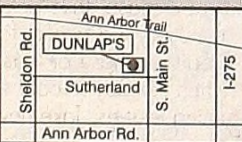
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New law reduces time for taxpayers

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Wayne County Department of Treasury officials have launched a new delinquent properties web site they hope will help them exit the real estate business once and for all.

The new site, located at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com, was launched late last month. According to Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz, the new page will allow residents to access a delinquent property page that includes delinquent tax information, both real and personal, for each municipality in Wayne County.

"We found it necessary to continue our expansion of E-government to effectively focus on the needs of our citizens," Wojtowicz said. "The Web page will be available 24 hours a day and will be updated daily."

The site allows users to search for delinquent property tax information for each of the 35 municipalities in Wayne County. Searches can be conducted free of charge by parcel identification number or street address. So far, more than 11,000 hits were registered at the site.

Report of Real Property Tax Delinquencies

Municipality	Parcels	Tax Liabilities
Belleville	39	\$72,318
Canton Township	350	\$1,682,091
Inkster	1,504	\$3,066,513
Northville	23	\$67,819
Northville Township	62	\$227,032
Plymouth	46	\$178,164
Plymouth Township	81	\$193,079
Romulus	825	\$2,078,042
Sumpter Township	183	\$306,588
Van Buren Township	225	\$580,058
Wayne	240	\$573,752
Westland	630	\$1,663,131

Source: The Wayne County Treasurer's Office

One reason the county developed the site is to encourage people to pay their taxes in accordance with new laws enacted to rack down on delinquent taxpayers, said Deputy Treasurer Rob Grden.

"These laws were developed at the state level, but we're the ones that have to carry them out," he said. "A lot of people are unaware that the new laws give them less time to pay their taxes. We've been working aggressively with local media to try to get the word out to residents. We really don't

want anyone to lose their property - when that happens, it creates problems for us, too."

Changes with respect to Public Act 123 of 1999 changed the timeline in which delinquent taxes can be paid. But approval of the law garnered little publicity when it was enacted - which means many people are still under the impression they have five years to pay back taxes. But the law reduced the amount of time to only two years before the process of foreclosure begins, Grden said.

"We hope that having the site available will also help people address this issue a little earlier," Grden said. "We always have last minute callers that flood the office ... we only have a handful of people answering the phones. We want people to take care of this before it's too late to take care of."

Property owners who have failed to pay 2001 or prior years taxes, together with all penalties, fees, and interest, by Feb. 25 face the loss of their property by a judicial foreclosure proceeding scheduled for March 2004. Owners of foreclosed property will have until March 31 to make payment. If payment is not received, the property will be sold at a public auction, according to information provided by the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

To accommodate people who work during the week, the treasurer's office will be open for three Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to take care of walk-in payments. Saturday hours are still in effect for Feb 21 and 28. During the week, hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office of the Wayne County Treasurer is located at 400 Monroe, 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

New state program designed to help curb identity theft

Scott Spielman
Editor

It can happen to anyone. The phone rings and a collection agency demands payment for past due accounts for goods you never ordered.

Grocery stores refuse checks because you have a history of bouncing them - even if you don't.

If something like this has happened to you, most likely you are the victim of identity theft, and you are not alone.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes, and identity thieves routinely prey on the vulnerable," said Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State.

She implemented a new program recently designed to protect permanent or temporarily disabled drivers from identity thieves. It changes the way per-

sonal identification is displayed on handicapped vehicle placards to make it more difficult for thieves to get personal information from them. The change would display only the first letter and the last three digits of a driver's license number.

"This pre-emptive action protects the personal privacy of our disabled residents, while still satisfying the needs of law enforcement," she said.

The change will be made on any new applications, and anyone who wants to change their old placard can have it modified at a Secretary of State branch office; there is no fee.

In the past, identity thieves relied on stolen wallets to get Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, credit card numbers or other pieces of information, according to police officials. Those techniques are still employed, but identity

thieves now use other methods, as well. They sift through trash dumpsters for un-shredded credit card or loan applications or other documents with Social Security numbers on them. They steal mail with newly-issued cards, bank statements, investment reports or tax information, or fraudulently access credit reports by posing as prospective employers, loan officers or landlords.

It's becoming a larger and larger problem, according to police officials.

"Every week we are getting one or two people coming in," said Tom Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief.

He said there are ways that people can help protect themselves, however, that are relatively simple.

He suggested never carrying a Social Security card with you, or ATM pin numbers or pass-

words. Don't print your driver's license or Social Security numbers on checks, shredding documents with those numbers before you dispose of them, carefully reviewing all bank statements.

It also helps to go to the post office to send outgoing mail and to pick up new checks from the bank, rather than have them delivered.

If you are a victim, report it as quickly as possible, he said. There are a variety of ways to do that, including police and credit bureaus. More details can be found at the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

"It's not unique to this community. It's nationwide," said Tiderington.

"It's an emerging problem. It's a huge problem that we have to face."

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THE SCENE

50 FIRST DATES

More romance than comedy pleases audiences

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

It seems that every Valentine's Day weekend there is a barrage of "romantic comedies" released by the major studios in an effort to make men miserable and at the same time make their girlfriends and wives gush with phrases like "Wasn't he romantic" or "Oh, What a great guy". This year, the cycle was broken with *50 First Dates*.

Some clever studio executives and screenwriters came up with the devious ploy of casting Adam Sandler in a romantic comedy. Women across the country could lobby to see the movie by telling their mates, "Well, Adam Sandler is in it." Sandler's usual brand of humor made it an easier sell to many men, no doubt.

50 First Dates is not the typical Sandler movie, however. While, of course, his usual cast of supporting play-

ers is present, the tone of the film is drastically different.

Henry Roth (Sandler) is a bachelor living in Hawaii, having meaningless relationships with tourists coming to the island. But all of that changes the day he meets Lucy (Drew Barrymore), a seemingly sweet girl creating buildings out of her waffles during her routine breakfast at a local restaurant.

She seems to be taken with Roth's sense of humor and he with her beauty, but there is a twist. One year earlier Lucy was involved in a serious car accident with her father (Blake Clark) and while they both survived the crash, she has one small problem. She has no short-term memory.

The last day she can remember is the

day before the crash, so each day she wakes up believing it is that same day. Her family and friends conspire to aid in her delusional world by pretending that each day is Oct. 13, recreating the events exactly as they occurred that day.

Roth discovers the problem the morning after their first date when he sits down next to her in the restaurant and she has no idea who he is.

Roth then learns of Lucy's illness from

her deceased mother's best friend, who owns the restaurant. Roth makes it his goal to make Lucy fall in love with him every day and he goes to serious lengths to accomplish the task - having his car break down, tying himself up as though he has been kidnapped and even getting

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Local band vies for record label audition prize

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

If things go well for rock band Local 580, they might not be so, well, local.

"We're really hoping to take a summer tour," said band member Jon Carlisle, 19, who plays the drums. "We'd like to go out to California for a week and then work our way back to Michigan."

If Local 580 manages to secure a tour, it will be their biggest performance schedule yet. The group, which started on a whim, has been together for a little more than two years.

"Our first performance was at a party for New Year's Eve 2002," said singer and guitarist Justin Foust, 19. "We just got a band together and decided to play."

Since that first performance, which band members laughingly describe as "containing a lot of covers," Local 580 has undergone a lot of growth - not surprising, considering that in 2002 three out of the four members were still in high school.

First came a name change. Originally they called themselves "Trust Fund," but they changed the name to "Local 580." There is no significance to the new name, they said, they just thought it sounded better.

"After we renamed ourselves Local 580, we found out there actually is a Local 580 Teamsters Union," said Foust. "We contacted them and they thought it was great. They gave us their blessing."

Next came a change in the makeup of the band. The original bass player didn't have the time to commit to the band, so

he left and 21-year-old CJ Mauer joined the group. Mauer, who also sings, and Foust became acquainted at Spring Arbor College, where both are students.

Finally, the group got a booking agent and things really started to take off.

"We've been playing about one or two shows a week since we got an agent," said Carlisle.

"We mostly play to kids our own age," said Carlisle. "We see a lot of high school and college students." The youngest member of the band, guitarist and singer Bridge Riddell, is 17 and a student at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The band has been playing at small clubs and

church-sponsored concerts throughout Metro Detroit and nearby Ann Arbor. Local 580 will typically play a few cover songs plus a few original songs, some of which are Christian-based.

"We don't preach to people," said Foust. "But we will talk to people after a concert if they want to talk to us."

During the past two years, the band has focused more on professional development and song writing. In 2003, the group produced a full-length CD entitled "Looking Back in the Wrong Direction," which contains 13 original tracks.

By selling the CD at their concerts, the band sold out of all copies of the first production run and is planning to produce more copies.

"We just got contacted by producer Barry Blair," said Carlisle. "He wants a demo." Blair is associated with the Christian record label, Forefront.

Additionally, the band recently sent in a demo tape to enter a music contest sponsored by a California radio station. The contest, open to all types of music, drew responses from 500

bands across

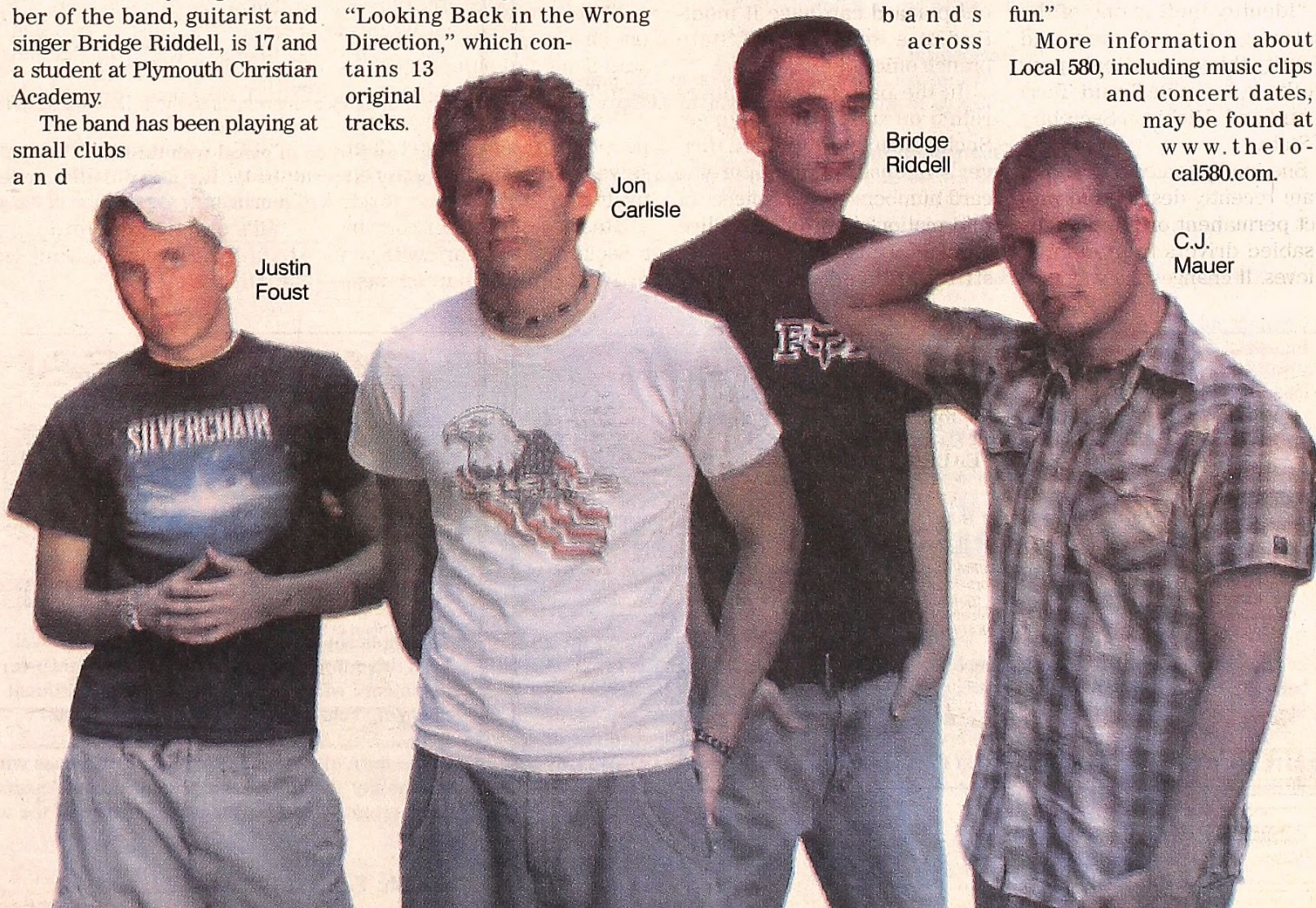
the United States. Local 580 made the cut to the top 25 - the top 5 percent of the entrants.

"We made it to the top 25," said Foust. "If we win, we'll go to California to play for the record executives."

Whatever happens, members of Local 580 are trying to keep it all in perspective. They are, after all, just high school and college students.

"We would all like to go to the next level," said Carlisle. "But whatever happens, happens. I just love it and I'm just having fun."

More information about Local 580, including music clips and concert dates, may be found at www.thelocal580.com.



CALENDAR

Hats as art is topic

Tonight at 7 p.m., the Belleville Historical Society will meet to discuss "Hats as Wearable Art." Nancy Lautenbach of Ann Arbor will talk about the history, collection, and memories of hats. Participants are welcome to bring their own hats and stories to share. The program will take place at the Belleville Area Museum. For more information, call 734-697-1944.

Pennies for Patients drive under way

Throughout February, students at Edgemont Elementary in Van Buren Township will participate in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program. The program raises money to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research, and for patient services. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at the school. For more information, call 1-800-456-5413.

Auditions set at high school

Belleville High School Auditorium will host "Three Men and a Tenor" at 8 p.m. March 13. The concert features oldies, country, Motown, and pop music. Proceeds go to benefit the Elwell school playground. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased through Elwell Elementary School, Main Street Flowers, or the Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

Law enforcement meeting scheduled

The Inkster Police Department and Inkster Weed and Seed is hosting a Law Enforcement Community Relations meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. Representatives from the Inkster Police Department, the Inkster Police Auxiliary, and Inkster Code Enforcement Auxiliary will be on hand to answer questions and discuss concerns with Inkster residents. Light refreshments will be served. For

more information, call Inkster Weed and Seed at (734) 722-5146.

Inkster church introduces pre-school

Bethlehem Temple of Inkster is looking for children between the ages of two weeks and 6 years to attend a new full-day pre-school. The school begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Older children will learn about math, science, social studies, reading and computers. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. The program is free to individuals who qualify. Classes will take place at Bethlehem Temple at 26160 Annapolis Road. For more information or to pre-register a child, call program coordinator Ruth McCray at (313) 274-7080.

Entities offer self-improvement classes

Inkster Human Development, Strong Families/Safe Children and Inkster Parks and Recreation have paired to offer a series of courses aimed 10 to 17 year olds living at Dartmouth Square and Demby and Lemoyne Estates. The courses are designed to increase self-confidence and teach new skills. Classes offered include entrepreneur skills, computer skills, cosmetology, tennis, golf, karate, swimming and an afternoon playground program. Classes run through Sept. 30, and transportation is provided. Permission slips with dates and times of each class can be picked up at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex on Middlebelt Road. For more information, call Inkster Parks and Recreation at (734) 728-7530.

Wayne Wellness Fair is planned

Community Living Services is sponsoring a Wellness Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Metro Place Mall on Michigan Avenue. Eighteen vendors will be on hand with products on display and for sale, including The Body Shop, Zerbo's Health Food Store, Lifetime Fitness, the Wayne Recreation Center, and others.

American Attitude at the library

Linda Wells, docent of the Detroit Institute for the Arts, will present a slide show which highlights the DIA exhibit: American Attitude, Whistler and his Followers." The free program takes place from 7-8 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Wayne Public Library, on Wayne Road between the east and west sides of Michigan Avenue. To reserve a seat, call (734) 721-7832.

Art auction returns to Wayne

The Wayne Rotary Club will host a fundraising auction presented by Marlin Art at 7 p.m. on March 19. The fundraiser will benefit the Wayne Rotary Foundation, which has distributed more than \$500,000 in scholarships to the Wayne-Westland schools, given more than \$35,000 in library books to the Wayne elementary schools, donated a van to the senior citizen's program, and more. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Wayne Rotarian, or by calling (734) 721-0100.

Town Hall Meeting set

Nankin Mills Elementary School, at 8100 Hubbard Street in Westland, will host a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. tonight. Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli will speak at the event.

Walk Michigan event under way

Join the annual fitness program organized by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. Walkers of all ages may participate in any or all walks. Every time a walker participates, he or she receives another entry for the grand prize drawing to win a trip to Mackinac Island. Dates are Feb. 21, March 4, 13, 18, 20. All walks start at 8:30 a.m. at Westland Mall, except for the March 13 walk that starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Holliday Nature Preserve. Mall walkers should enter by Olga's, off Wayne Road. Holliday Park walkers should use the Cowan entrance across from Service Merchandise, use the north parking lot and wear sturdy boots. For more information, call 734-261-1990.

Dates

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he has been kidnapped and even getting his best friend (Rob Schneider) to beat him up on the side of the road. (Big mistake, who would have known Lucy had a baseball bat and wasn't afraid to use it).

Finally one day Lucy sees a recent newspaper and Roth and her family are forced to tell her what has happened, not that she will remember it the next day.

Although there are some definite Sandler moments and jokes randomly dispersed throughout the movie, it isn't what most of his fans have come to expect.

50 First Dates has a mixture of sincerity and serendipity that add to the proven chemistry of Barrymore and Sandler on screen (think *Wedding Singer*). It is more romance than comedy, however.

And there is a believability and tone throughout the film that will make audiences respond and empathize with the characters, but still be able to laugh at the typical Sandler antics.

Maybe it's a sign that Sandler is maturing, but audiences seemed to like it, whatever the cause.

50 First Dates will certainly prompt some smiles and a new appreciation for short-term memory.

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Meeting dates are as follows:

	Residential
March 08, 2004:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 09, 2004:	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

	Commercial/Industrial
March 10, 2004:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

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Personal	50%	1.0000

Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents alike may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals no later than March 10, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

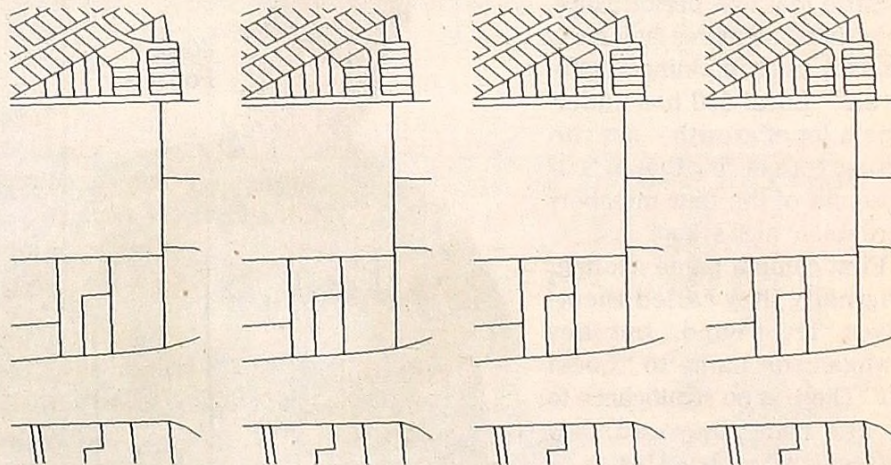
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday February 25, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V-125-83-059-01-0011-002. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between I94 Service Drive and Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a drive-through window per Section 13.03 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., February 25, 2004 the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

Canton soccer star selected to U.S. national team camp

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Cindy Bennett eats, thinks, lives and dreams soccer.

That's what her mother Terry Bennett, who's also the Canton Township Clerk, said about her daughter, and it's proving to be true.

Cindy Bennett, a sophomore at Stony Brook University in New York, was recently selected for the United States under-21 National Team Training Camp. Only a handful of players from the Region I team, of which she is a part, were chosen to attend the camp in Carson City, Calif. from February 16-22, according to Terry.

"This has been something that I had wanted to do ever since I started playing soccer," Cindy said. "I am proud to represent Stony Brook at the national camp and I look forward to training with some of the best players in the country."

She's been playing soccer in the highly esteemed Canton Soccer Club since she was 12 years old and continues to follow her dreams.

"She developed a plan and worked the plan through," Terry Bennett said. "She's continued to move in that direction."

In mid-January, Cindy Bennett was a member of the Regional I team that competed at the under-19 Interregional competition in Carson City. The event pitted the best teams from all four regions in the nation against each other. Her team from Region I won the gold medal.

There she caught the eye of the under-21 National Team coach Chris Petrucelli, from the University of Texas, who asked her to try out for the national team. The team will consist of the top 18 players in the country at that age level, according to Stony Brook representatives.

"To be selected from a pool of elite players from around the country is a tremendous accomplishment," said Stony Brook head coach Susan Ryan. "Cindy is not only a superior athlete and goalkeeper but also has a strong sense of character, work ethic and leadership. These are the attributes that the national coaches are looking for to represent our country."

Bennett will attend the training camp from February 16-22 as one of the 26 players fighting for a spot on the 18-member team roster. She will be competing against two other girls at the goalkeeper position for a chance to represent the United States at a tournament in China next month.

Bennett has already proven her worth to Stony Brook by recording 12 shutouts in her two seasons with the university – six in each season – and was named America East Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week three times in her freshman year, 2002.

Before she attended Stony Brook, her tales of triumph were much the same. Bennett was a standout goalie in the Canton Soccer Club where she earned All-District, All-Regional and All-State honors. Her outstanding play on the Region II two team earned her a trip to the United



Cindy Bennett a Canton Soccer Club standout and a sophomore at Stony Brook University in New York, was recently selected to attend the United States under-21 National Team Training Camp in Carson City, Calif. from Feb. 16-22.

States Youth Soccer (USYS) Interregional Competition in Boca Raton, Fla. She also played club ball for the Michigan Hawks, which went on to win the Michigan State Cup in 2000, and finished second in 2001. She was voted State Cup MVP in the fall of 2001.

She has spent some time playing semi-pro, unpaid, soccer for the Lady Ryders in New York, as well.

If playing soccer wasn't enough, Bennett also takes time out of her busy schedule to mentor girls' youth soccer teams in New York during the summer.

Once, according to her mother, she was mentoring a team in New York before the holidays but came back to Canton to visit her family during her break from school. One morning she woke up and decided that she had to help her team prepare for a game, so she got into her car and drove 10 hours back to New York, surprised the team, helped prepare them for the game and then drove 10 hours back home to spend the rest of her Christmas break with her family.

That's the dedication and thoughtfulness that she possesses and makes her such a special person, according to Terry Bennett.

"The experience has developed her discipline, patience and has made her more than a pretty good soccer player," she said. "She's become a real dynamic person along the way. She's turned out to be a really good person – she's giving back."

Besides mentoring, Cindy Bennett is already certified through the U.S. Soccer Association to coach soccer in Michigan. However, she spends most of the school year in New York. But that shouldn't slow down her coaching ambitions, according to Terry Bennett.

When she's done with her undergraduate studies at Stony Brook, Terry said, she plans teaching as a graduate student and continue her education to become a professor, which would allow her to coach soccer at the collegiate level – another goal of hers, because she had a plan and she's working it through.

Whalers split rival games, up-end Saginaw 4-3; fall to Windsor, 5-4

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers finished their three-game road trip with a bang Sunday afternoon when they pulled out an overtime victory against interstate rivals Saginaw Spirit.

They traded the lead with the Spirit before John Vigilante scored a late goal in the third period to send the game into overtime. There, captain James Wisniewski scored his 14th goal of the season

to put the game away, 4-3, at the 3:35 mark of the extra period.

Plymouth goalie Paul Drew had a solid night in net and knocked aside 33 shots in the victory.

Saginaw's Nick Lees gave them the lead when he put one past Drew in the first period.

Plymouth gained the lead in the second period with goals from John Mitchell and Rane Carnegie. Mitchell scored at the 8:38 mark with assists going to Jonas Fiedler and Mike Letizia. Carnegie took advantage of a power play and

scored at 12:00 to give the Whalers a 2-1 lead to head into the third period.

The Spirits were lifted when Lees scored his second goal of the night shorthanded at 9:07 to knot the game, 2-2. Paul Bissonette knocked one in to give Saginaw a one-goal advantage with less than a minute to play in regulation.

That dwindling clock didn't hinder the Whalers as Vigilante knotted the score, 3-3, with only 14 seconds left in regulation. Meidl and Fiedler were rewarded the assists

on the goal that sent the game into overtime.

At 3:35 in the extra period, Wisniewski put his shot past Saginaw goalie Mike Brown to record the 4-3 triumph for the Whalers. Ryan Ramsay assisted on the game-winning goal.

Whalers 6, Storm 2

Vigilante's three goals and an assist led the Whalers to a 6-2 victory against the Guelph Storm on Friday night.

Dan Collins scored first at 11:43 to give the Whalers a 1-0 lead.

Then Guelph stormed back with a goal 16 seconds later by Mark Versteeg-Lytwyn to tie the game, 1-1.

Then came the Vigilante show. He scored in each of the three periods with the first coming at 12:34 in the first to put Plymouth up 2-1. He accepted a pass from Mitchell and was able to sneak the puck past Storm's goalie Adam Dennis.

Vigilante scored his second of

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Belleville hoopsters overcome Willow Run, ready for Romulus

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers' basketball team guaranteed themselves the league championship with two wins against Ypsilanti and Willow Run last week. Romulus was their closest contender, but the Eagles lost three of their last four games to finish behind the Tigers in league play.

Most recently, the Tigers finished the week off with a strong battle against Willow Run on

Friday night. It was the Tigers that walked away with a 70-51 road victory.

Senior Guard Matt Miller led the team with 19 points, which included a stretch in the second quarter where he hit four three-pointers. Senior guard Tyler Jones and senior forward Andre Olden were close to double digits with nine points each. Jones contributed with five assists and Olden nabbed seven rebounds in the competition. Senior center Rob Igbawua snatched up nine

rebounds and junior guard Josh Samarco added eight points for Belleville.

Willow Run got off to a fast start and took a 7-2 lead early in the first quarter. Midway through the quarter Belleville's defense took over, according to Belleville coach Mike Krogel. They caused some turnovers, which spurred their offense in to action, and finished the quarter with a 15-11 lead.

Miller got hot in the second quarter where he scored 14 of his

19 points, according to Krogel. Miller, along with solid defense, burned Willow Run, 24-8, in the quarter to take a lopsided 39-19 lead to end the half with.

They continued the onslaught in the third and outscored Willow Run, 15-12, to increase their lead to 54-31. With a 23-point lead to start the fourth quarter, they finished the last eight minutes a little sloppy, Krogel said, and allowed Willow run to outscore them, 20-16. The Tigers still finished the game with a command-

ing 19-point lead for the 70-51 victory.

Tremaine Thompson led Willow Run with 13 points.

The results from their Tuesday contest against Ypsilanti were the same. They mauled the Braves, 67-34.

"We got off to a good start," Krogel said. "We had six players score in the first quarter – we distributed the ball well. We played like we expect us to play."

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Asher leads Northville Mustangs in two wins

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

No matter how hard they tried, Walled Lake Central couldn't contain the 6'3", 205-pound senior Brett Asher last Tuesday in Northville's 57-48 victory, according to Northville coach Darrel Schumacher.

Asher scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Mustangs in the win and he had a repeat when they faced Churchill on Friday. He scored 16 points and nabbed five rebounds in the 45-27 victory.

Against Central, Northville had a one-point lead after one quarter but swapped places with Central when they fell behind, 27-26, to end the first half.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Schumacher. "They fought hard to take Asher out of the game. It wasn't until late that we got into the game. We made a lot of free throws down the stretch to help put the game away."

The 'Stangs marched back into the lead in the third quarter, 41-39, and pulled away in the fourth to take home the victory.

Senior Tim Singleton and

Mark Sorenson supported the win with 12 points each and Marcus Davis added nine points and seized six rebounds in the routing.

Northville's solid play continued when they faced Livonia Churchill on Friday night. Once again, they walked away with a lopsided 45-27 victory.

Asher led with his 16 points but Davis added 10 and recorded eight rebounds. Sorenson performed well at his floor general and point guard duties with nine points to help the team in their efforts to put away the Chargers.

Seniors Tim Downing and Brian Tellish came off the bench and played solid games, according to Schumacher.

The score was knotted, 7-7, after the first period of play but the Mustangs' defense picked up in the second and held Churchill to seven points. The 'Stangs scored 18 to take a 10-point lead, 25-15, into the half.

Northville outscored them the rest of the way to take away the 45-27 win.

Sorenson helped in the victory by containing Churchill's top scorer Tim VanDussen to just

three points, according to Schumacher.

"I thought that Churchill did do an excellent job rebounding," he said. "That's something that we have to work on."

Northville will have this Friday off for their mid-winter break where, Schumacher said they would recuperate and do a quick scouting report on upcoming opponents. On Feb. 24, they will face Livonia Franklin and then take on Walled Lake Western in their final game of the regular season on Feb. 27.

Defense carries Canton chiefs past Stevenson, Northern

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After two losses two weeks ago to John Glenn and Northville, the Canton Chiefs got back on track with two victories last week. They beat Livonia Stevenson, 55-33, and Walled Lake Northern, 71-36.

In the battle against Stevenson, D.J. Bridges led the team with 18 points and nine rebounds to help them pull out the victory. Floor general and point guard Andy Cortellini scored 11 and Brad Waidmann added nine in the win while Julian Smith contributed with six points and nabbed seven rebounds for the team.

The first half of the contest remained close as the Chiefs took the lead, 8-7, in the first quarter. They expanded on that one-point lead as they outscored the Spartans 10-7 in the second quarter to finish the first half, 18-14.

"The first quarter was tight," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "They (Stevenson) were good on offense - they made you play good defense but we shot the ball pretty good."

"They had Keith Hearn, who was scoring a lot for them, but when we built a lead they had to get other players to score," he added. "I think it was our defense that made it difficult for them to score."

It was one of those good games where a lot of kids got to play. Northern is a young team and don't have any seniors on it yet. They played hard, though.

Coach Charlie Paye

Canton built on their lead in the third quarter where they outscored the Spartans, 18-3, and again in the fourth quarter, 19-16, to carry away the win at 55-33.

The match up last Friday against the struggling Walled Lake Northern earned the Chiefs their second straight win for the week. The Chiefs marched away with a, 71-36, victory.

Waidmann led the team with 12 points and Smith and David Calille each added 10 in the feat. Scott George added seven in the win.

"It was one of those good games where a lot of kids got to play," Paye said. "Northern is a young team and don't have any seniors on it yet. They played hard, though."

The Chiefs shot the ball well throughout the game, hitting 32 of 50, which is 60 percent, of their shots from the two point range - the best they have shot all year, according to Paye.

They scored more points in the first half, 40, than Northern did in the entire game, 36. Canton maintained the lead and good defense carried them to the, 71-36, victory.

The Chiefs hosted the Salem Rocks on Tuesday but the results were incomplete for this edition. They'll travel to Walled Lake Western tomorrow night before they finish up regular season play against a pair of Livonia teams, Churchill and Franklin, next week.

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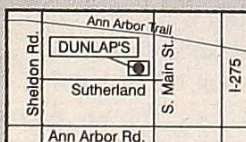
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Zebras hold off Churchill

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It came down to the final possession against Livonia Churchill before Wayne knew they had the game wrapped up last Tuesday. It was a nail-biter but the Zebras pulled out a 45-44 victory.

"We didn't play real well," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "But well enough to win. We just didn't shoot the ball well and we had to fight for what we got. We did some good things; we just didn't shoot well.

"Sometimes you don't shoot well and you don't look as good as you really are," he added. "And sometimes you shoot really well and look better than you actually are."

The poor shooting showed in the first half when Churchill took a 13-9 lead in the first quarter, but Wayne managed to outscore them in the second, 11-10. Churchill remained in front by four points to end the half.

Each team scored nine points in the third quarter but Churchill remained in the lead, 32-28. Wayne turned things around in the fourth and took a four-point lead late in the quarter. Churchill nailed a three-pointer to bring them within one point, but the Zebras gained possession and ran out the time clock to deny them the win.

Senior guard Geno Safford led the Zebras' efforts with 18 points. Senior forward and center Bryan Hearst added 12 in the victory.

Wayne had a hard time keeping Churchill sharp shooters Tristan Thomas

and Tim VanDusan in check. Thomas hit for 17 and VanDusen nailed 15. In the two teams' first meeting, the two shooters racked up 40 points between the two of them, according to Woodard.

The Zebras continued their winning ways when they defeated Ann Arbor Huron, 64-50.

Defense and a quick start were the keys to the game. Wayne held Huron to 13 points in the first half and jumped out on offense with 31 points. They scored 20 in the first quarter alone.

"We were cooking them early and hit three threes in the first quarter and five different guys scored," Woodard said. "We were up, 20-4, but they scored two baskets in the last nine seconds to make it 20-8."

The Zebras surged again in the third quarter to outscore Huron, 20-16, and extended their lead, 51-29, to head into the final quarter of play.

"Our goal was to score double digits in the third," Woodard said. "If we did that we knew we could win the game."

The strategy worked especially since Huron put together a solid quarter and outscored Wayne, 21-13. Chuckie Cole and Kevin Kelleher were a big part of the late rally. Cole nailed 21 points in the game – all in the second half, and Kelleher added 10 through the game.

On Wayne's side, Safford led again with 22 points, which 11 were scored in the first quarter, according to Woodard. Junior guard Walsh put in 14 and Hearst knocked down 10 in the win.

Wayne will host the cross-town showdown part two tomorrow night when the John Glenn Rockets visit.

Tigers

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The Tigers scored 23 points in the first, which was more than Ypsilanti's combined points for the first three quarters. Belleville's defense held the Braves to just two points in the third quarter.

"We were strong right off the bat," Krogel said. "Defense did a real nice job getting them (Ypsilanti) off of their offense and caused some turnovers and we turned them into some easy points."

Miller and Jones each had three steals to help in the defensive effort. Miller also led the team, again, with 14 points and

three assists. Jones hit double digits with 10 points and also assisted on three plays.

Leon Freeman hit for nine points and led the team with 12 rebounds. Igbawua was close behind with 11 rebounds. Olden contributed with seven rebounds and seven points. Samarco added eight points in the win.

Raymond King hit for 12 points for Ypsilanti.

Belleville had this Tuesday night off and will prepare to host the Romulus Eagles on Friday night. The Mega Red bout will be the final league game before the Division tournament and districts start. They will face the John Glenn Rockets in a non-league game at home on Feb. 24.

Whalers

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the night and his 25th of the season on a power-play goal at 7:55 in the second, which was the only score in the period.

Fiedler continued the Whalers' assault with an early third period goal at 2:12 to put Plymouth up 4-2. Vigilante completed his hat-trick efforts with a goal about a minute later and Mitchell notched his fourth assist of the night on the play.

Mitchell continued his strong play with a goal at the 12:33 mark to finish the scoring for Plymouth, 6-1.

Daniel Paille scored at 14:26 in the third to narrow the gap, 6-2, but it was too little too late, for the Storm.

Whalers 4, Spitfires 5

The cross-river rivalry between the Whalers and the Windsor Spitfires continued Thursday night with unfavorable results for Whaler fans. Drew had an off night and allowed four goals before the second period ended. The Whalers were burned, 5-4, in the opening to their three-game road spree.

Steve Downie put the Spitfires on the

board early with an unassisted goal at 1:46 in the first period. Ramsay bounced the Whalers back when he scored his 22nd goal of the season on a power-play opportunity at 9:29.

Nick Vernelli put Plymouth in front, 2-1, late in the period.

The second was a different story, though. The Spitfires scored three unanswered goals in the period to take a 4-2 lead. Cal O'Reilly, Craid Kennedy and Darryl Lloyd all scored for Windsor. Mike Vellucci, Whalers head coach and general manager, pulled Drew out of net and replaced him with capable backup Ryan Nie.

Windsor pulled further ahead with a goal from Rob Henniger early in the third period but Tim Sestito narrowed the gap, 5-3, for Plymouth at 12:39.

Jordan Grant put the puck past Anthony to make it 5-4 with less than four minutes to play in the game. The Whalers failed to net any more goals in the final minutes and fell, 5-4.

Plymouth will try their hand at the Sault Sainte Marie Greyhounds tomorrow night and last year's OHL champions the Kitchener Rangers on Saturday night. Both games will be played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

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Romulus Eagles back on track, defeat Braves, 75-40

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Eagles have lost three of their last four games but managed to turn things around when they tipped off against the Ypsilanti Braves Friday night at home. There, they soared to a 75-40 victory.

"We had great defensive effort this time," said Romulus coach Nate Oats. "That was the difference. They (Ypsilanti) didn't score for the first five minutes of the second and we got our offense going from our defense."

Romulus nailed 29 points in the second quarter and held the Braves to just seven to go into the half with a 47-18 lead. They continued to outscore Ypsilanti in the second half with 14 points in each quarter to put the game away, 75-40.

Dante Williams led the Eagles with 16 points and Jerret Smith added 15 into the mix. Ron Coleman nailed down 11 points despite being double and triple teamed.

"We really talked about having to play hard after losing the last game," Oats said. "We lost three of the last four games and we

really had to come out and win."

The Eagles didn't fair so well when they fell prey to the River Rouge Panthers in an 86-82 shootout on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

"There wasn't a whole lot of defense going on in the game," Oats said. "We were up early at the half and then it was up and down the rest of the game."

Romulus was up by one point, 37-36, after two quarters of play, but River Rouge bounced back to score 33 points in the third quarter to Romulus' 13 to take a 50-45 lead. The fourth quarter was time for the Eagles

to turn it up a notch. They outscored the Panthers, 32-17. It wasn't enough to overcome the deficit and they fell with an 86-82 final score.

DeMarvelous Carter led Romulus with a 20-point game and Coleman was solid with 18 and 10 rebounds. Smith added 14 points for the team.

Marcus Crawford scored 20 for the Panthers and Alomide Olafioye put in 19.

The Eagles will gear up for their rematch with the Belleville Tigers tomorrow night in Belleville.

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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Grand River Printing and Imaging, 8455 Haggerty Road (formerly known as 41255 Coca-Cola Drive), Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

V125-83-046-99-0013-002 described as:

12Q1A2 PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 12 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89DEG 46M 48S E 60.03FT FROM W COR SEC 12 TH N2DEG 05M 32S W 325.27FT TH N89DEG 44M 44S E 800.22FT TH S0DEG 23M 32S W 325.59FT TH S89DEG 46M 48S W 786.12FT TO POB 6.02 AC

The Van Buren Board of Trustees established the above-described property as part of Industrial Development District #7 on January 24, 1984, in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

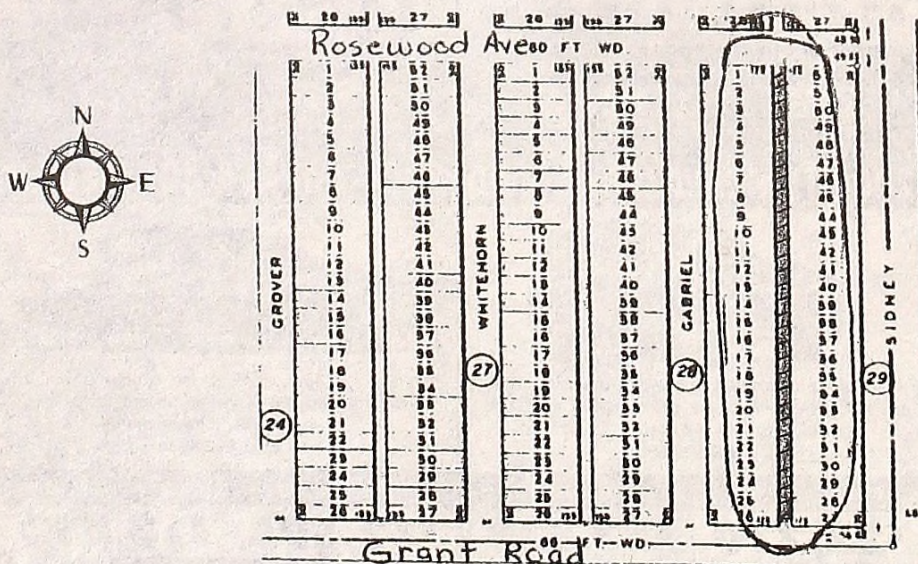
Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: February 19, 2004

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS STREET & ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the entire north-south alley in the Junction Subdivision, Block 29 between Rosewood and Grant abutting Lots 1 through 52 inclusive located as follows:

Vacate the entire north-south alley in the Junction Subdivision Block 29 abutting Lots 1 through 52 inclusive.



Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, March 8, 2003.

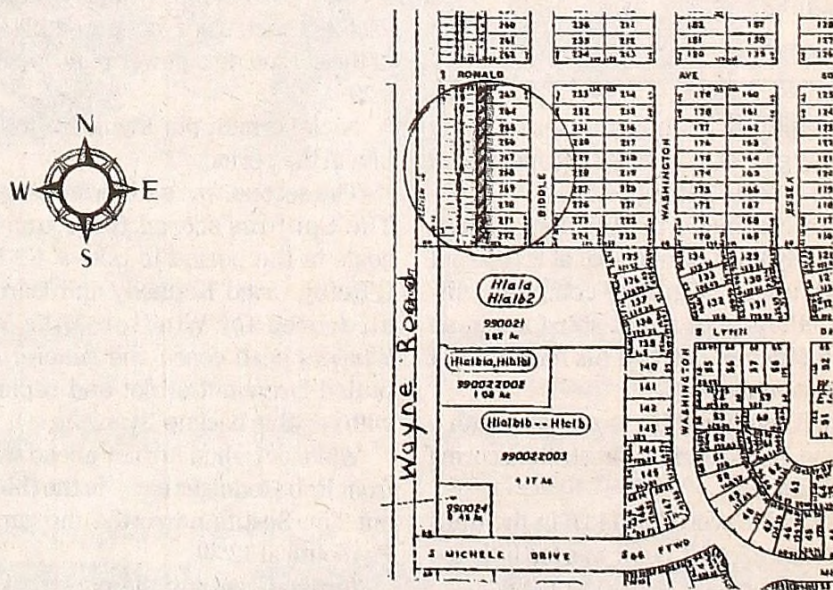
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 19, 2004
February 26, 2004

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS STREET & ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the twenty-foot (20 ft) wide alley that separates Lots 1- 14 from lots 266-272 located within the Key Manor Apartment complex as follows:

Vacate the section of the twenty-foot (20ft) wide alley that separates Lots 1-14 from lots 266-272 located within the Key Manor Apartment



Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday March 8, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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114. Auto Accessories
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59. Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. On Wednesday March 3, 2004 at 11:am. 28266 ecorse rd in Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bid for CASH all rights, title and interest to the following property now in the possession of: Karla Macdonald, 5087 Hunt, Wayne, MI 48184: (1) baby chair, (4) Dressers, (1) baby crib, (24) boxes, (1) china closet Annette Moton, 26757 Oakland dr. Inkster, MI, 48141: (13) bags, (4) dressers, (1) trunk, (1) Bed room set, (2) fans, (3) lamps (23) books. Perry Alan Glenn, 11509 Fleming st. Hamtramck, MI, 48212 (1) bed room set, (1) cedar chest, (4) tires, (1) rocking chair. Karen Harrison, 26162 Colgate, Inkster, MI, 48141: (5) bags, (10) boxes, (1) sofa, (1) stove, (1) cedar chest, (1) tapes, (1) dryer Leah Michelle McCoy, 3247 Isabelle st. Inkster, MI, 48141: (3) bags, (1) play hut, (2) bicycle, (1) lamp, (1) entertainment center Anthony Dion Terrell, 3647 Allen st. Inkster, MI, 48141: (2) lamps, (1) speaker, (3) totes, (1) drum set, (1) TV, (1) VCR

Kimberly Sue Burkhardt, 6685 Ball rd. Romulus, MI, 48174: (20) bags, (2) Bicycle, (1) van seat, (15) boxes, (1) bed, (1) desk Mary Cresswell, 401 W. Seminole Blvd. apt-248, Sanford, FL, 32771 (8) bags, (16) boxes, (20) plastic tubs, (1) trash compactor Alvin Reels, P.O. box 594 Belleville, MI, 48111: (1) bed room set, (30) boxes, (1) treadmill, (1) entertainment center. Terms are Cash Only! A refundable \$50.00 cash deposit is required for each purchased unit. All items bought must be removed the same day by 5:00 p.m. U-Store-It reserves the right to withdraw a unit from Public Auction at any time. The terms and conditions of sale and bid proposal forms will be available at U-Store-It, 28266 Ecorse rd. Romulus, MI, 48174 on sale day. For information all interested parties call (313) 295-9050 Monday through Friday between 10:a.m. and 4:p.m.

Dearborn Heights Police Department 6045 Fenton Dbn Hgts, MI 48127

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on February 25th, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.:

Dalton Towing 27218 Currier Dbn Hgts, MI 48125 313-299-9727

1989 Pontiac 4 Door 1G2HZ54C7K1204824 1993 Ford 4 Door 2FAPP36X8PB145592 1987 Dodge 2 Door 1B3BS44E7HN537920 1986 Chevrolet

SW 1G8EK18H4GF206732 1993 Dodge SW 1B3XP64K2PN642372 1994 Ford 4 Door 2FALP74VVRX109627 1987 Pontiac 4 Door 1G2BL81Y2HX208990 1985 Buick 2 Door 1G4EZ57Y6FE428716 1989 Ford 2 Door 1FAPP6046KH164878 1989 Chevrolet 2 Door 1G1JF31W3K7186952 1989 Honda 2 Door JHMED8368KS024013 1995 Mercury 4 Door 1MELM50UOSG609616 1991 Dodge 2 Door 1B3XP24D3MN526264 1981 Ford PU 2FTDF15E3BCA74079 1996 Chevrolet 2 Door 1G1JC1248T7203644 1988 Chrysler 2 Door 1C3CJ41K2JG347053 1978 Buick 2 Door 4M47U8H219223 1995 Mercury 2 Door 1MELM6240SH603490 1993 Pontiac 4 Door 1G2WH54T9PF311412 1994 Jeep SW

61. Misc. Items

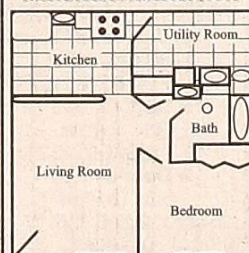
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1B3AP64K9RN108262
1986 Oldsmobile
4 Door
1G3CW69BXG4339452
1989 Mercury
4 Door
1MEBM53U8KG602923
1989 Ford
PU
1FTCR10A6KUC13693
1987 Acura
4 Door
JH4KA2643HC008694
1995 Saturn
4 Door
1G8ZK5277S2195564
1990 Pontiac
2 Door
1G2WJ14T1LF286464
1984 Oldsmobile
2 Door
1G3AY37YEX371924
1987 Chevrolet
SW
1G1JD8117H7211674
1994 Ford
4 Door
1FALP52U4RA244334
1989 Ford
SW
1FMCA11U5KZB25345
1993 Ford
SW
1FAPP15J4PW179965
1985 Mercury
4 Door
2MEBP95FXFX675448
1989 Chevrolet
2 Door
1GNDM1529KB182105
1988 Chrysler
4 Door
1C3BU663XJD233836
1994 Buick
4 Door
1G4CW52L4R1614326
1986 Chevrolet
2 Door
1G1FP87S2GN135997
1988 Lincoln
4 Door
1LNB83F4JY735218
1987 BMW
2 Door
WBABB2304H1942548
1990 Lincoln
4 Door
1LNL82F8LY604768
1990 Ford
2 Door
1ZVPT20C8L5174348
1997 Ford
4 Door
1FALP13P7VVV326279
1993 Ford
PU
1FTCR11X8PPA04299
1989 GMC
VAN
2GTEG2528K4512549
1990 Dodge
SW
2B4FK4533LR705039
1994 Mercury
4 Door
2MELM75W2RX662179
1989 Pontiac
2 Door
1G2JD11K3K7576310
1988 Mazda
4 Door
JM1HC2215J0102830
2001 Jeep
4 Door
1J4GW48S81C626500
1988 Mercury
4 Door
1MEBM5345JG630970
1988 Pontiac
4 Door
1G2WP14WXJF232960

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.
Note cars might not be at this lot for viewing.

On February 28th, 2004 the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at J & T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Drive, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1992 Pontiac
1G2NE14N9NM039886
2 Door - 44-908-03
1993 Ford
1FALP5246PG243941
4 Door - 44-1371-03
1992 Ford
1FMCU22X7NUC50208
PU-44-1376-03
1991 Ford
2FAPP36X5MB193515
4 Door-44-08-04
1988 Plymouth
JP3BA26K9JU088034
4 Door-44-14-04

1992 Ford
1FMDA11U2NZB38482
PU-44-62-04
1995 Pontiac
1G2NE55D6SC833758
4 Door-44-104-04
1994 Mercury
1MELM50U1RG643610
4 Door-44-106-04
1999 Ford
1FAFP6639XK161851
4 Door-44-109-04
1991 Ford
1FTCR10AXMUC59031
PU-44-119-04
1989 Plymouth
1P3BP44D1KN640443
2 Door-44-123-04
1968 Oldsmobile
35468X152458
4 Door-44-126-04
1994 Pontiac
1G2NE15MXRM577525
2 Door-44-138-04
2002 Chevrolet
1GNDT13W52K139893
SW-44-142-04
1989 Ford
1ZVBT20C1K5153110
2 Door-44-147-04
1991 Ford
1FACP41MXMF173065
2 Door-44-149-04
1990 Ford
1FTCR14XXLP490172

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1989 Ford
1FTEX15N7KKA71778
PU-44-1382-03
1988 Ford
1FABP41AXJF238493
2 Door-44-1385-03
1993 Dodge
2B4GH2539PR331128
VN-44-19-04
2002 Mitsubishi
4A3AA36G42E167584
4 Door-44-41-04
1993 Ford
1FAPP6245PH215727
2 Door-44-66-04
1979 Buick
4P37X9H606077
2 Door-44-111-04
1978 Ford
8B63F176018
4 Door-44-112-04
2001 Ford
3FAFP13PX1R155098
4 Door-44-113-04
1987 Mercury
2MEBM75F6HX671705
4 Door-44-133-04
1998 Plymouth
1P3EJ46C6WN177255
4 Door-44-143-04
1993 Ford
KNJPT05H2P6134680
2 Door-44-144-04
1983 Ford
1FTDF15Y1DLA23909
PU-44-153-04
1979 Champion
F44CF8V738657
MH-44-155-04
1996 Jeep
1J4EX58S8TC102082
SW-44-157-04
1996 Ford
1FALP62WOTH111012
2 Door-44-173-04
1991 Ford
1FBJS31H7MHB39817
VN-44-178-04
1988 Chevrolet
1GBDM15Z7JB247304
VN-44-179-04
1995 Honda
JHMCDS555SC015323
4 Door-44-186-04

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

AUTO AUCTION
J & M TOWING
8964 Inkster Road
Romulus, MI 48174
(734)946-4101
February 25th, 2004
@ 11:00 a.m.

1995 Plymouth Neon
1P3ES62CXSD308914
2 Door - 03-12594
1987 Honda
1HGCA5631HA020807
4 Door - 03-14735
2003 Mercury
E2MEFM75WX3X798491
4 Door-04-47
1987 Oldsmobile Custom
1G3BP81Y0H9016942
STA-WAGON-04-50

1984 Buick Regal
1G4AM69A2EH401335
4 Door-04-51
1994 Dodge
2B6HB21Y8RK568378
STA-WAGON-04-65
1996 Mercury Sable
1MELM53SXTG624507
4 Door-04-79
1993 Ford
1FAPP6241PH139004
2 Door-04-174
1993 Plymouth
1P3XP24DXPN610312
2 Door-04-226
1993 Dodge
1B3XC4634PD166685
4 Door-04-431
1989 Chevrolet
1GCGC34N5KE157638
Pickup-04-489
1989 Honda
1HGED3544KA061941
4 Door-04-497
1987 Chevrolet
1G1BN51H2H9104467
4 Door-04-595
1984 Mercury
1MEBP93F4E2604502
2 Door-04-695
1989 Pontiac Grand Prix
1G2WJ14T1KF311541
2 Door-04-749
1990 Ford Probe
1ZVPT20C4L5186156
2 Door-04-835
1987 Buick
1G4AH51ROHD407873
4 Door-04-836
1986 Toyota
JT2AL32G2GO439713
2 Door-04-843
1991 Buick
1G4HP54C7MH464485
4 Door-04-895
1990 Oldsmobile
1G2EV13C3LU309168
2 Door-04-916
1978 Mercury
8Z64H625956
4 Door-04-922
1995 Ford Escort
1FASP15J2SW342342
Sta-Wagon-04-924
1998 Hyundai
KMHL11J4JU204871
2 Door-04-929
1995 Plymouth Neon
3P3ES67COST563123
4 Door-04-933
1988 Dodge
JB7FJ43E3JJ002004
04-957
1994 Plymouth Sundance
1P3AP6431RN226295
2 Door-04-958
1990 Mercury
1MEPM6042LH639011
2 Door-04-A-01

1990 Ford
1FACP55UXLA115405
03-A-22
1995 Pontiac Grand Prix
1G2WJ52M8SF290316
4 Door-04-A-69

AUTO AUCTION
J & T Crova Towing
36573 Grant St.
Romulus, MI 48174
734-941-0221
February 25, 2004 9:00 a.m.

1987 Dodge
1B3BD36D5HF187500
4 Door-04-141
1993 Ford
1FACP52U7PG148322
4 Door-04-146
1978 Oldsmobile
3Q35R8X143936
04-216
1980 Oldsmobile
3M47AA2493775
2 Door-04-216
1988 Pontiac
1G2PE11R5JP222307
2 Door-04-510
1991 Ford Escort
1FAPP1286MVV204250
2 Door-04-511
1988 Chevrolet
1G1LV1415JY624573
2 Door-04-593
1984 Toyota
JT2SV16EXE0123355
4 Door-04-615
1984 Dodge
1B4GD12W9ES357387
04-786
2003 Chevrolet S Truck
1GCCS14H438232040
Pickup-04-A-10

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION

On February 24th, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at

10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1988 Dodge Shadow
2 Door - White
1B3CA54E2JG350558
1990 Ford Taurus
Sta. Wag. - Black
1FACP55U7LA234917
1987 Ford Mustang
2 Door- Black
1FABP41A7HF124641
1986 Chevy S-10
Pickup Truck- Grey
1GCCS14R4G2175355
1989 Chevy Caprice
4 Door- Grey
1G1BU51E5KA137400

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1999 Chevy Malibu
4 Door- Beige
1G1ND52TX6208059
1986 Jeep Comanche
Black
1JTHX6513GT114357
1995 Mercedes Benz
4 Door- Burgundy
WDBHA28E1SF206079
1988 Buick Regal
2 Door- Red
2G4WB14W8J1441384
1996 Pontiac Sunfire
2 Door- Black
1G2JD12T8T7577283
1982 Ford Econoline
Van-Black
1FTDE04E2CHA86099
1991 Buick
4 Door-White
1G4AL19R6ED453053
1995 Chevy Monte Carlo
Red
2G1WX12X3S9253711
1989 Ford Taurus
4 Door- Maroon
1FABP52Uka229942

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after March 20, 2004 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

1986 Honda Accord
2 Door- Gold
JHMBAS439BC111001
1991 Ford Festiva
2 Door- Red
KNJPT05H9M6100070

61. Misc. Items

10 piece cherry dinette.
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